Theoretical Perspectives of Race and Freedom, 15 HE credits
Teoretiska perspektiv på ras och frihet, 15 Högskolepoäng

Course objectives
The student shall upon completion of the course be able to demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of:
  - How questions of race and racism have varied through history
  - How states and other public institutions have taken different approaches to questions of race and racism thorough history
  - Modern empirical theories about race and racism
  - Modern normative theories about the relation between the state and race and racism issues

Skills and abilities to:
- Critically analyse political issues of race and racism from different empirical and normative perspectives
- Deconstruct and reflect about concepts related to racism and race
- Analyse the relationship between race and ethnicity and other identifications such as gender and sexuality

Ethical ability to:
- Understand how race and racism are not given entities and hence be able to understand other approaches than ones own
- Be able to cooperate in a multicultural society with a variety of approaches to combat racism

Entry requirements
Bachelor degree with a major in Political Science, or equivalent.

The forms of assessment of student performance
Assessment of student performance is conducted through individual examination of written essays, active participation in group assignments and presentation at seminars.

General rules pertaining to examination at University West are set out in the Examination Guidelines (www hv se)
Other regulations

Course grading: F/Fx/E/D/C/B/A
Course language: English
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Course contents
The module will critically and analytically explore the notion of race and racism. It will also
draw on Afrocentric, postmodernist, critical race theory and Marxist theories of race and
racism with the express purpose of assessing which of these theories best explain race and
racism.

Education field
SA 100%

Main area
Political Science

Successive level
AIN

Work integrated learning
The course includes practical oriented educational elements that provides the students with
knowledge and skills that are important for working activities in the field of, for example,
public and private administration, analysis, evaluation, organisation, project leadership and
teamwork.

Other information
The course is given in collaboration with University of the Western Cape, which enables a
possibility for the student to conduct part of, or the entire course, at the partner institution.
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